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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, UR
SUBJECT: GINZBURG TRIAL: MORNING OF SECOND DAY

REF: MOSCOW 19051

1. EMBOFF TELEPHONED FOLLOWING REPORT ON GINZBURG
TRIAL IN KALUGA AS OF MID-DAY JULY 11:
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--MRS. GINZBURG CAME OUTSIDE DURING EARLY MORNING
BREAK, DURING WHICH GINZBURG WAS GIVEN TIME TO
FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH SOME COURT DOCUMENTS; SHE
WAS IN CALM MOOD, AND REPORTED THAT HER HUSBAND
SEEMED IN FAIRLY GOOD SPIRITS;

--MRS. GINZBURG WAS UNEXPECTEDLY EJECTED FROM THE COURTROOM AT ABOUT ELEVEN A.M.; IN A HIGHLY AGITATED STATE, SHE TOLD EMBOFF AND WESTERN REPORTERS THAT ONE OF THE WITNESSES FALSELY CLAIMED SHE HAD THREATENED HIM;

--ACCORDING TO MRS. GINZBURG, ON JULY 10 ONE OF THE WITNESSES, GRADOBOYEV, HAD TOLD A NUMBER OF LIES ABOUT GINZBURG; AT ONE OF THE BREAKS, SHE TOLD GRADOBOYEV PRIVATELY THAT GOD WOULD BE HIS JUDGE;

--GRADOBOYEV REPORTEDLY APPEARED BEFORE THE COURT JULY 11 TO CLAIM THAT HE HAD BEEN THREATENED BY MRS. GINZBURG, AND FEARED THAT THE DISSIDENTS, WHO HAD MONEY AND WERE THEMSELVES "BANDITS", MIGHT HIRE PEOPLE TO KILL HIM; WHEREUPON THE JUDGE ORDERED MRS. GINZBURG OUT OF THE COURTROOM.

2. AS OF MID-DAY IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER MRS. GINZBURG WOULD BE ALLOWED BACK INTO THE COURTROOM. GINZBURG'S MOTHER CAME OUT OF THE TRIAL TO SAY THAT GINZBURG HAD ASKED THAT HIS WIFE BE PRESENT, BUT MRS. GINZBURG HAD TEMPORARILY LEFT THE COURTHOUSE AREA AND COULD NOT BE LOCATED. ONE OF THE WESTERN NEWSMEN ON HAND UNDERSTOOD THAT MRS. GINZBURG WOULD HAVE TO APPLY TO THE COURT FOR READMISSION.
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3. MRS. GINZBURG HAD EARLIER REPORTED THAT THE JULY 11 TESTIMONY HAD FOCUSED ON LITERATURE ALLEGEDLY CIRCULATED BY GINZBURG, WITH SOME EFFORT DEVOTED TO SMEARING HIS PERSONAL MORALS. MRS. GINZBURG WAS PARTICULARLY UPSET WITH TESTIMONY THAT THEIR CHILDREN WERE BEING RAISED IN A "PERVERSE" ATMOSPHERE DOMINATED BY VOICE OF AMERICA AND THE SONGS OF DISSIDENT BALLADEER GALICH. SHE SAID THAT THUS FAR NO U.S. DIPLOMATS OR JOURNALISTS HAD BEEN NAMED BY THE PROSECUTION WITNESSES.

4. MRS. GINZBURG NOTED THAT AT LEAST SEVEN OR EIGHT PROSECUTION WITNESSES WERE YET TO BE CALLED, AND THAT GINZBURG MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO SUMMON A FEW DEFENSE WITNESSES. SHE ESTIMATED THAT THE TRIAL PROBABLY WOULD LAST THROUGH THURSDAY, JULY 13. SHE ALSO SAID THAT BOTH GINZBURG AND HIS ATTORNEY WERE FREQUENTLY INTERRUPTED BY THE JUDGE JULY 11.

5. EMBOFF ASKED TO BE ADMITTED AT 8:45 A.M. JULY 11. OFFICIAL AT THE DOOR ASKED IF EMBOFF WAS A FOREIGNER;

UPON LEARNING THIS WAS THE CASE, THE OFFICIAL SAID
EMBOFF WOULD HAVE TO TALK WITH THE MFA REPRESENTATIVE
AT THE COURTHOUSE, WHOM OFFICIAL UNDERTOOK TO FETCH.
MFA REP DID NOT APPEAR, HOWEVER, AND EMBOFF EVENTUALLY
WAS TOLD THAT WHILE THE TRIAL WAS DEFINITELY OPEN,
THERE WAS NO ROOM INSIDE.

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6. NO OTHER EMBASSIES WERE REPRESENTED IN KALUGA
MORNING OF JULY 11. FOUR WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS
WERE ON HAND (ONE EACH FROM NEWSWEEK, AP, REUTERS,
AND AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE).

7. ATMOSPHERE OUTSIDE OF COURTROOM WAS CALM,
ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND DURING "PRESS BRIEFING"

LATE JULY 10 KGB OFFICIAL BEGAN TO INTERROGATE
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REUTERS CORRESPONDENT ABOUT HIS STORIES CONCERNING
MOSCOW ARTIST ILYA GLAZUNOV AND TAGANKA THEATRE
DIRECTOR LYUBIMOV. CORRESPONDENT REFUSED TO ANSWER
QUESTIONS, AND MATTER WAS DROPPED. MATLOCK

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